

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 03711 151205Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 ARA-06 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04  
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01  
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-13 ACDA-07 /094 W  
-----151304Z 089256 /53

R 151009Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9581  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USMISSION NATO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 03711

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CU, CG, BE  
SUBJECT: CUBAN APPROACH TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW RE SHABA  
INCURSION

REF: MOSCOW 4744

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS LEBRUN HAS GIVEN US SOME BACKGROUND TO CUBAN-BELGIAN CONTACT DESCRIBED REFTEL.
2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN ALGIERS HAD REPORTED THAT "CASTRO WANTED TO SEE HIM" DURING HIS VISIT TO ALGERIA BEFORE GOING TO THE USSR. FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT ACCEPT THIS REPORT AT FACE VALUE BELIEVING THERE MUST BE SOME CONFUSION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER REQUESTED CONTACT WAS AUTHORIZED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OR NOT, BUT ANY CASE, IT DID NOT COME ABOUT. NEXT STEP IN MOSCOW WAS AS DESCRIBED REFTEL.
3. LEBRUN GAVE US TWO COMMENTS BASED ON THIS EPISODE WHICH HE CAREFULLY QUALIFIED AS PERSONAL SPECULATION:  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 03711 151205Z

- (A) CUBAN METHODS OF DIPLOMACY PUZZLE THE BELGIANS; AND
- (B) HE WONDERED WHETHER COINCIDENCE OF CASTRO AND PODGORNYY VISITING AFRICA AT THE SAME TIME DID NOT INDICATE MORE COMPETITION BETWEEN CUBA AND THE USSR THAN COORDINATION. RENNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REPORTS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, MILITARY AGREEMENTS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 15-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977BRUSSE03711  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770131-0795  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BRUSSELS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770454/aaaabuta.tel  
**Line Count:** 59  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 30f898a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 MOSCOW 4744  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2798694  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CUBAN APPROACH TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW RE SHABA INCURSION  
**TAGS:** PFOR, CU, CG, BE  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/30f898a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009